



COMMUTER ALERT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BE WORK ZONE ALERT!

MOTORISTS ADVISED OF HEAVY TRAFFIC DELAYS FOR THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING

SAN BERNARDINO – Caltrans, District 8 advises motorists that experts are predicting a 0.6% increase in all methods of travel nationwide, with approximately 47 million people traveling either by car or by airplane for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanksgiving is traditionally the highest travel period in the Inland Empire region. Caltrans expects lengthy delays on Interstate 15 (I-15) in the Cajon Pass, as well as, State Route's 60, 91, Interstates 10, 210, and 215. The projected storm for Wednesday will not make driving any easier. Be advised that I-10 travelers to Arizona and back will also experience some travel delays between Indio and Beaumont. **A holiday moratorium on lane closures will be Wednesday, November 25 at 6:00 a.m. to Monday, November 30 at 6:00 p.m. There are to be no scheduled lane closures during this time.**

AAA Highlights from 2015 Thanksgiving Travel Forecast

<http://news.yahoo.com/aaa-forecasts-smaller-jump-thanksgiving-travel-150859446.html>

- The 2015 Thanksgiving travel period forecast is expected to reach an eight-year high.
- 46.9 million Americans will journey 50 miles or more from home during the Thanksgiving holiday, a 0.6 percent increase over 46.6 million people from 2014.
- More than 41.9 million Americans are expected to travel 50 miles or more by car, the most since 2007 and up 0.7 percent from 2014.

If you plan to hit the road during the upcoming Thanksgiving week, below are some helpful tips:

- Travel in early morning hours if possible—try to leave as early as possible.
- BRING WATER! Also, bring snacks and necessary medication.
- Have a full tank of gas.
- Make sure your car is in good running condition.
- Bring a charged cell phone (with a car charger).
- Use the restroom before you get on the road.
- Bring chains if traveling to mountain areas.

DELAYS ARE EXPECTED. To stay on top of roadwork in the Inland Empire go to www.caltrans8.info and sign up for commuter alerts. View traffic conditions at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov>.



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